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PROPOSALS

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1. CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR MARCH 1 SENT LETTER TO ECE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK WHICH, AFTER EXPLAINING
IN DETAIL WHY CZECHOSLOVAKIA CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO
HOLD HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT IN
ADDITION TO ENVIRONMENT, REQUESTS STANOVNIK TO PREPARE
ANALYTICAL ANNOTATIONS OF VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH
HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED ON POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR DIS-
CUSSION AT SUCH MEETINGS. CZECHS ALSO REQUEST STANOVNIK
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TO CIRCULATE THEIR LETTER AND THE ANALYTICAL ANNOTATIONS
AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS TO THE 33RD SESSION. LETTER WAS
FOLLOWED WITHIN A FEW DAYS BY SUPPORTING LETTERS FROM
USSR, POLAND, BULGARIA AND HUNGARY. (ADVANCED COPIES
OF LETTERS BEING POUCHED WASHINGTON.)

2. STANOVNIK HAS TOLD EAST IN REPLY THAT HE CANNOT GO

FURTHER THAN HIS MANDATE IN RESOLUTION 1(XXXII) PARA 5 WHICH ASKS THAT HE CIRCULATE ANY VIEWS RECEIVED REGARDING THE SOVIET PROPOSALS ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT. HE WILL MAKE LETTERS AVAILABLE AT 33RD SESSIONS, BUT NOT AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, AND HE WILL NOT MAKE ANY ANALYTICAL ANNOTATIONS. WESTERN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN, AMBASSADOR COPPELEN OF NORWAY, HAS WRITTEN TO MEMBERS OF CAUCUS TRANSMITTING COPIES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTERS AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR POSITION STANOVNIK HAS TAKEN. COPPELEN NOTES THAT STANOVNIK HAS ONLY A LIMITED MANDATE FROM RESOLUTION 1(XXXII) AND THAT HE SHOULD ACT IN WAY HE HAS INDICATED. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE ADOPT THE SAME LINE.

3. WESTERN CAUCUS WILL MEET AT WORKING LEVEL MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS NORDIC PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENT, COPY OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO EUR/RPE-DAMERON AND OES/ENP-SPIELMAN DURING SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SAEP) MEETING. WESTERN CAUCUS WILL MEET AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, MARCH 17, IN PREPARATION FOR 33RD COMMISSION PLENARY TO DISCUSS (A) USSR REQUEST FEB. 6 TO INCLUDE SEPARATE ITEM ON THE HOLDING OF ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, (B) ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND (C) POSSIBLE DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

4. PRIVATE THINKING OF WESTERN CAUCUS WORKING LEVEL
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CHAIRMAN GRAHAM ON HANDLING OF USSR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM IS NOT TO INDICATE TO USSR BEFORE COMMISSION SESSION OUR POSITION, BUT AT THE OPENING OF COMMISSION TO ACCEPT INCLUSION OF SOVIET ITEM ON COMMISSION AGENDA AND TO MAKE CLEAR THAT DELEGATIONS CAN ADDRESS ITEM AT SAME TIME AS THEY ADDRESS ITEM 5 ON THE WORK AND FUTURE OF COMMISSION. GRAHAM WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE THEN CAN ARGUE THAT AS USSR HAS REQUESTED SEPARATE ITEM ON TRANSPORT AND ENERGY, THAT NO MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THESE ITEMS IN OMNIBUS COMMISSION RESOLUTION. WE QUESTION LATTER POINT BUT AGREE THAT TRYING TO KEEP SOVIET PROPOSED ITEM OFF THE AGENDA IS NOT WORTH A FIGHT AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT TRY TO BLOCK ITS INCLUSION AS LONG AS THE ITEM IS PLACED AFTER THE PRESENT ITEM 5 ON THE AGENDA. WE OF COURSE ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM.

5. ON THE OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT SESSION, SUPPORT IS DEVELOPING FOR THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR FERNANDO BENITO AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE 33RD COMMISSION PLENARY AND THEREFORE CHAIRMAN OF THE 34TH SESSION. THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON A RAPPORTEUR YET. WE SUGGEST THAT WE BE

AUTHORIZED INDICATE OUR SUPPORT.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR ABOVE MARCH 15 AND 17 MEETINGS OF WESTERN CAUCUS. WE SUGGEST THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE POINTS IN PARAS 6, 7 AND 8 OF REFTEL A IN COMMENTING ON NORWEGIAN RESOLUTION AND IN PARTICULAR STRESS THAT FINAL REVIEW OF DECISION TO HOLD MEETING SHOULD BE MADE AT 34TH COMMISSION PLENARY. WE SHOULD ALSO REITERATE POINT MADE BY GRANT AT SAEP MEETING TO EFFECT THAT DELEGATES SHOULD BE PRE-PARED TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS IN PARAGRAPH 83 OF ECE/936 IN DETAIL AT 33RD SESSION IN ORDER TO PERMIT A DECISION ON THE HOLDING OF A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING. SORENSON

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